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1. FONOFF (WINTHER-SCHMIDT) HAS INFORMED US THAT, AFTER DUE CONSIDERATION, DANISH GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED THAT "IT DOES NOT FIND IT APPROPRIATE" TO PROTEST AGAINST JAPANESE AND SOVIET OBJECTIONS TO IWC DECISIONS. FONOFF ASSURED US THAT DENMARK CONTINUES TO TAKE POSTIVIE VIEW TOWARD ALL METHODS TO PRESERVE WHALE STOCKS BUT BELIEVES IWC TO BE PROPER FORUM FOR SUCH

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STEPS. IT NOTED ALSO THAT DANISH POSITION WAS INFLUENCED BY FACT

THAT DENMARK HAD ABSTAINED IN LAST IWC MEETING ON FIN WHALE
RECOMMENDATIONS.

2. EMBASSY COMMENT: FONOFF OFFICIAL WAS CLEARLY
EMBARRASSED AT POSITION HE HAD TO TAKE. HE POINTEDLY NOTED
THAT DECISION WAS THAT OF GREENLAND MINISTRY, WHICH IS ACTION
MINISTRY ON WHALING MATTERS. WHILE BOTH FONOFF AND FISHERIES
MINISTRY HAD INFORMALLY INDICATED SUPPORT FOR OUR REQUEST, THEY
APPARENTLY DECIDED NOT TO OBJECT TO GREENLAND MINISTRY'S DECISION.
IN OUR RESPONSE, WE DID NOT FAIL TO NOTE THAT JAPANESE AND SOVIET
ACTIONS ARE PRECISELY OF NATURE MAKING IT DIFFUCLT, IF NOT
IMPOSSIBLE TO TAKE EFFECTIVE STEPS IN IWC TO PRESERVE WHALE
STOCKS.

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